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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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THE CROWNING PROOF OF THE Inspiration of the Scriptures

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"All Scripture is God-breathed" (II Tim. 3:16). "Not in words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Spirit teacheth" (I Cor. 2:13). "For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled" (Matthew 5:18).

It is probably no exaggeration to say that to most people there is a general agreement as to the inspiration of the Bible and there is a general unity of belief in the Word of God. But suppose we go to these men who believe the Bible is inspired, and ask of them, "What do you mean by inspired? What kind of inspiration is it, what is the nature of its inspiration and how far does it extend?" At once our beautiful unity in the inspiration of the Bible is shattered, and a multitude of conflicting voices are lifted up in defense of the various theories of inspiration.

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THE ORDINARY THEORY. God influenced the writers of Scripture as he influenced Tennyson. This theory degrades inspiration to the level of mere human genius.

THE LIMITED THEORY. Parts of the Bible are inspired. The Bible is not the Word of God. It only contains the Word of God. This theory is worthless! Who is competent to inform us which parts are inspired and which are not?

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THE DYNAMIC THEORY. The material is of God, the form is of men. The thoughts are of God, the words are of men. This theory is unscientific. Thoughts cannot be expressed apart from words.

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THE MECHANICAL THEORY. The Bible writers were mere machines through which God dictated the Scriptures. This has an element of truth, but it ignores the facts, and betrays ignorance of God's methods. His working is never mechanical.

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ARE YOU A CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR? by N. P. Steveson, Chief Pharmacist's Mate, Navy Yard Dispensary, Navy Yard, Philadelphia, printed last week in the *Sword* has been printed also as a tract. We will send a few free on request, or you may order from the author.

"God Is Love"

— I John 4:8

BY D. L. MOODY

Only three words: "God is love! God is love!" I believe that more than a hundred thousand people would be converted in any great city in a day if they believed that sentence — believed it, that's all.

God's Love Is Immeasurable

I want to ask you a question; take it into your mind. Don't sleep tonight until you answer this satisfactorily to yourself. It is this: What more would you ask God to do to show that He loves this world than he has already done? He puts the question himself: "What more could I do for my vineyard than I have done?" He sent the holiest of men and the world drove them into dens and caves. They tied them to the stake and burned them. He sent his own Son and they put him into the grave. But God took him up out of the grave and put him on the throne and raised him for our justification. Even then he was not satisfied. He sent the Holy Ghost, and he is here today. "What more could I do?" God asks us. "Would you ask me to send Christ down to earth again, to suffer and die?"

If Christ should come again, and should go to Golgotha and suffer the agonies of Calvary, would it make any more sure the fact that God loves you? Would that satisfy you? Remember, this is for you. He has been trying to show that he loved this world, and he wants you to believe that God is love. Now, the trouble is that we are all the time measuring God with our little, short rule; that is the trouble with us. We are trying to measure God's love with human love. There is the mistake we make. You cannot measure God's love. "It passeth knowledge." We love persons as long as they are worthy of our love; and when they are not, away they go. How many men have cast their wives off — lovely families of children — turned them away (it seems almost as if their love had turned to hate), be-

cause their wives had done some things they didn't like. Our love is not worth much; it is not skin deep. We love when everything is lovely; but when there are reverses, our love is gone.

His Love Unchangeable

Now, mark you, God's love is unchangeable. He loves right on. There is not a man or woman anywhere whom he has not loved. There is a passage I like in the thirteenth of John. It is the verse: "Having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end." Do you know when that was said? Listen! That was said the night that Judas went out and betrayed him and sold him for thirty pieces of silver. And when Christ uttered those words he knew that Judas was planning to sell him. "He loved them unto the end." That was the night when Peter was going to curse and swear that he never knew him. And yet he loved Peter.

Why does he love? I cannot tell why he set his love on such a race of sinners as we are. You might as well ask me why the sun shines. I suppose it can't help doing it. It is its nature to shine, and it is God's nature to love. It is his nature. Bless the Lord, you will never hear better news this side of heaven! Make up your mind to that. The fact is "God is love."

God says, "I can never forget thee." God's love is deeper and broader even than that. It never, never fails. A friend of mine told me that an acquaintance of his was at a great dinner party, and he was struck with the graceful manner in which the lady of the house presided. He found that he had left something in the dining-room and he went back to get it, and he found this lady with a sick boy, sitting by the table. With a trembling voice she introduced him as her youngest son; and she said, "He has gone far away, but I still love him." Of course she did. That's the love that's going to bring this old world back. Tell the world that God loves with an unchangeable, unfailing love.

His Love Is Endless

Mother! Have you a family of seven children, and one of them is gone astray? Don't you love that prodigal one? Is there a night that you don't lift your heart in prayer for him, or a day pass in which

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HITLER'S AMERICAN FRIENDS

BY EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE

"Blessed is that nation whose God is the Lord — Psalm 33:12

"Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" — Proverbs 14:34.

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God" — Romans 13:1.

There are certain groups in America which, consciously or unconsciously, whether with consciously wicked intentions or from high but misplaced motives, are the friends of Hitler in America. I mean that there are certain people in America whose actions tend to help Hitler win in enslaving the world, in abolishing freedom, and in the rule of brute force over righteousness. I mean that if it comes to an all-out war between Hitler and America, there are certain people who would help in the downfall of America and some of them would join in with Hitler to help him rule America as a totalitarian state. And I want to discuss prayerfully this matter, because I have a profound conviction that

one cannot be a good Christian without being a good citizen, and that no American citizen can be loyal to Jesus Christ while he is the enemy of America and while he helps Hitler in his murder of millions, his oppression of the poor, his banishment of true Christianity, and his enslaving of whole races. I believe that real Christianity must array every Christian against Hitler. At least that is true in America where we cannot honestly be blinded as some honest Germans may have been by the lies and propaganda of Hitler.

Not All Pacifists Are Friends of Hitler

But first I want to frankly and earnestly state my profound ad-

miration for many earnest Christian people who do not believe in war and do not feel that a Christian should fight, even in a moral cause, or even in self-defense. I am thinking now of many Christians who call themselves Quakers or Friends; Mennonites; and Brethren. Many such people, and others like them in all the denominations, so hate war and so love men, that they feel they could not bring themselves to kill, whatever was the provocation, or whatever the tragic consequences if they do not. I believe that these people are wrong in their interpretation of the Bible. I do not believe that the tender-hearted Saviour Himself would be neutral concerning the

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NO TIME FOR GOD

No time for God? What fools we are to clutter up Our lives with common things And leave without heart's gate The Lord of Life and Life itself — Our God.

No time for God? As soon to say no time To eat or sleep or love or die. Take time for God, Or you shall dwarf your soul, And when the angel death Comes knocking at your door, A poor misshapen thing you'll be To step into eternity.

No time for God? Some day you'll lay aside This mortal life and make your way To worlds unknown, And when you meet Him face to face, Will He — should He Have time for you?

— Selected.

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wickedness of Hitler. I think that the Bible clearly teaches that saved people should be subject to the government and even in matters of war. I believe that the Bible teaches that Christians should feel it a holy duty to put down crime and bloodshed and oppression, through the organized channels of legitimate government. I believe that the Bible teaches that the police forces and the armies of legitimate governments act as the agents and ministers of Almighty God (Rom. 13:1-7). But while I disagree with these Christian pacifists, these conscientious objectors, I do not accuse them. I love them and honor them, though I do not agree with them.

As a public example, let me mention ex-President Herbert Hoover. Mr. Hoover does not want America to be involved in a shooting war. I think, from profound religious conviction, Mr. Hoover, who is a Quaker or Friend in belief, objects to participation in the war. Of all the men in American public life, I doubt if there is one whose integrity, unselfish idealism, and broad-minded charity are so much trusted. In largeness of mind, wide experience, purity of heart and charity toward all, ex-President Hoover has enshrined himself in the respect and admiration of the world. And I am sure there are many others who from similar motives conscientiously believe that they ought to stay out of all war, under all circumstances.

But I remind you that Mr. Hoover is no friend of Hitler. He has openly placed himself on record for national defense. He has deplored the wicked assaults of Hitler. And by constructive work Mr. Hoover goes about to relieve oppression, succor the tragic multitudes impoverished by war, and to bolster patriotism and good citizenship in America.

Compare ex-President Herbert Hoover with Charles Lindbergh. Both have been against participation in the war with England against Hitler. But Lindbergh has never denounced the murders, the lies, the aggression, the oppression, the godlessness of Hitler. He received from Hitler a decoration which was not refused then and has never been returned since. He has been lauded to the skies by the German papers, even in recent months. He has urged a peace treaty by which Hitler could keep nations he has overrun. He objected to our help to England when England was fighting for her life and for the defense of other democracies. He said, in effect, that the democracies must give way to a new order of totalitarian states. While Hoover has tended to unity and Christianity, Lindbergh has weakened the hands of government, has brought disunity among the people. If Hitler should conquer America, Hoover would not be a tool selected by Hitler to do his will in America. On the other hand Lindbergh would be welcomed like Quizzling in Norway, and like fifth-columnists in other countries overrun by Hitler, to be Hitler's agent in ruling the conquered America.

I do not say that Lindbergh would willingly be a fifth-columnist, that he would aid Hitler or fit in with Hitler's plans in the event of an all-out war between America and Hitler. I say that, consciously or unconsciously, intentionally or not, Lindbergh is doing the work of Hitler and for all practical purposes is his friend. But that certainly cannot be said about everybody who opposes America's entry into the war, to save England and thus save democracy and America, and keep free the nations of the earth

from that monster.

Again, let me make it clear that unity of spirit does not mean uniformity of opinion. I do not believe that everyone who differs with President Roosevelt, or speaks frankly against certain policies is a friend of Hitler or the enemy of America. I am glad that certain senators in Congress feel free to criticize sharply so that every step must be scrutinized before it is taken. The safety of America is in eternal vigilance. Let me mention for instance the *Chicago Tribune* a daily newspaper with enormous circulation. The paper is so biased in its viewpoint that even news items cannot be relied upon, they are so deliberately written from the viewpoint of propaganda, and to oppose the present administration. It is so far from the fine high standard of impartiality in presenting the news carefully as it is, without opinion, that I do not care to read it and feel I must always check the news by some more reliable source. But I thank God that this is America, not Germany, and that the *Chicago Tribune* can fight its fight and express its opinion. Thank God for freedom of the press! I am glad that the American government must face an intelligent and active opposition so that the American people cannot be led altogether by the vagaries in any one man, however noble and great. The *Chicago Tribune* is so prejudiced that it does not always tell the truth, does not always put a fair interpretation on the news, and has misguided multitudes. I deplore the prejudice, the misinformation, the false propaganda of the *Tribune* and think it does much harm. But it has made an honest fight against Communism, it has called attention to the terrible profligacy and extravagance of the Roosevelt administration, the pork-barrel politics, the senseless spending, the centering of authority in the President which endangers American liberties.

May the time never come when minority opinion in America will be shut down by law. There is no room in America for anarchy and communism and lawlessness, but thank God that America has freedom that permits groups of conscientious objectors, isolationists, or others who do not fall in wholeheartedly with the New Deal administration, as long as they are loyal to American institutions and government. I do not agree with them, but I want them to have freedom and the right to express their opinions.

With this background, let me prayerfully name some groups that I feel are friends of Hitler and therefore enemies of America. Their motives will vary, but the following groups, I think, help do Hitler's work and tend toward the weakening of America and bringing God's wrath upon us.

I. Jew Haters

The hating of Jews is one of the essential tenets of Adolf Hitler. It tends to unite the Aryan race against other races. It tends to a self-righteous hypocrisy that justifies the enslaving of lesser races. Jew-hate is used to justify violence. Those who believe that Jews should be put in concentration camps, or forbidden to hold office, or forbidden to marry Gentiles; who believe that Jews should have property confiscated or be set aside in ghettos, isolated from Gentiles, all fit in well with Hitler's plans. Actually, Jews are no more likely to be involved in Communism than are Gentiles. They do not have a larger percentage of criminals, nor of radicals. On the average they are harder workers, they do not have so many people on relief, they give liberally to public causes, they are as patriotic and faithful citizens as are Gentiles. Jews need Christ, as do lost people everywhere, but compared with other unconverted people Jews are very desirable citizens. The rousing of Christians against Jews, or of Gentiles against Jews is a wicked business that causes disunity, suspicion and fear among the people and would bring about that state of mind which makes the public easier ruled by demagogues and Fascists or Nazis.

The arousing of people to hate Jews and fear them is wicked. Whoever does it is doing Hitler's work. Prejudice against Jews and arousing suspicion or hate or strife

against them is the same kind of sin, whether it be done by Haman, enemy of Mordecai who would have destroyed the Jews as reported in the book of Esther, or the heathen population of Philippi who said of Paul and Silas, "These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city" (Acts 16:20) or whether by Adolf Hitler, or by a religious magazine in America that claims to defend the faith while actually it is attacking Jews and arousing suspicion and publishing accusations against them. I say it is the same sin, and one who does it pleases Hitler greatly and helps to prosper his cause.

God said to Abraham, about himself and his descendants, "I will bless them that bless thee, and curse them that curse thee" (Gen. 12:3). The inspired blessing of Isaac on Jacob was the same, "Cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee" (Gen. 27:29). Then when the wicked prophet Balaam would have cursed Israel, God made him bless them, saying, "Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee" (Num. 24:9). It is plain that all who oppress Jews are under God's curse. And remember that the New Testament says, "God hath not cast away his people (Israel) which he foreknew" and that "the gifts and callings of God are without repentance" (Rom. 11:2, 29). God has not forsaken Israel, nor abandoned his promises. No nation has ever prospered long which persecuted Jews, and nothing would be surer to bring the curse of God on America than hatred of Jews. Hitler will not escape the wrath of God, and all who go Hitler's wicked way in hating the people so dear to His heart will get Hitler's punishment. Doubtless Jew haters are the friends of Hitler and enemies of true Christianity. And they endanger the peace and welfare of America.

II. Those Who Promote Class Wars, Strikes, Arouse Capital Against Labor

Other friends of Hitler are those who foment strikes and break the unity of mind of the American people. Strikes actually slow down work that is vital for defense. They stop the production of arms. Worse than that, the strikes are used to constantly tend toward inflation, raising prices, and making the defense of our country cost billions of dollars more than it ought to cost. But worse than these things strikes put patriotism secondary and financial gain first. All over America the C.I.O. and some other agencies, sometimes instigated by Communists and sometimes not, have brought on strikes without any regard for the national welfare. Men who got a living wage and worked under reasonable conditions in comfortable surroundings were urged to strike for higher wages. Strikes were sometimes called by a minority and thousands of other workers who wanted to continue in their patriotic efforts to arm America were forced to leave their work. Millions of dollars of wages were lost by honest people who would have preferred to work. And in it all there has arisen a suspicion and distrust. One class is against another class. Labor is against capital. The C.I.O. is against the American Federation of Labor, and vice versa. Laborers have been taught that their first duty is to their union, not to the government. The idea that men should sacrifice, should give up some of their pleasures or some of their profit for national welfare has been displaced by the idea that men should get all they can while the getting is good in the national emergency. Those who foment strikes and arouse suspicion are unpatriotic, unchristian and friends of Hitler.

American workmen need to remember the plain command of Luke 3:14, "Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages." To violate this command of God is sin that will bring the wrath of God upon our nation.

What is the difference between a striker with a piece of iron pipe in his hand waylaying a workman who wants to work for regular wages, and beating him, perhaps murdering him, to keep him from going back to work in a factory filling defense orders, and a saboteur, who starts fires or injures

machinery, to keep the same plant from making defense material to stop Hitler? And what is the difference between a handful of union leaders with some radical and criminally-minded followers, seizing control of a plant, as the C.I.O. did the Ford plant, and as other automobile workers did other plants in Detroit, doing tens of thousands of dollars worth of damage to machinery and goods, keeping honest men from working—what is the difference between that and the confiscation of factories by Hitler and the enslaving of workers? Bloodshed, the use of force to make people work or keep them from working, the destruction of property, the rousing of hatred against employers—these are all the works of Hitler, and those who do them in America make America weaker in defense, more likely to be seized by evil men.

The other day a man wrote me that he must give up his job or join the C.I.O.—what should he, a Christian, do? He felt he must not be yoked up with unbelievers. But before he got my letter the word came that he had given up his job because as a Christian he could not join with the tactics of the C.I.O. As a Christian, he could have no part in the wicked selfishness, the un-American, unchristian principles of the radical wing in the labor union. I do not say that it is always wrong to belong to a labor union. Each Christian must settle that for himself. Certainly if it means to help support radicals, to arouse hatred, to keep good men from working if they will not join the union—if it means these things then honest Christians who are in the will of God can have no part in it.

Fomenters of strife, strikes, bloodshed, class war, are the friends of Hitler and the enemies of true Christian patriotism. America will go down if American labor puts the labor union above patriotism, and puts gain ahead of the country's defense.

III. Communists Are Friends of Hitler

The subhead above seems contradictory, but it is not. Hitler is the enemy of Russia, just now, and professes to be the enemy of communism. But actually Hitler and Stalin are men of the same kind, wicked, godless, conscienceless oppressors of the weak. Actually communism and Nazism are the same in principle. Germans say that Nazism is national socialism, and Russia officially calls herself the "Union of Soviet Socialist Republics." Germany and Russia are both ruled by totalitarian governments. Both are immoral. Both are enemies of democracy. Because just now the stronger thief, Hitler, hates the weaker thief, Stalin, and intends to take his property, as he has taken the property of others, that does not change the nature of either. For my part, I am glad that Russia is fighting Germany, and I feel that it is all right to help Russia fight Germany since, however unwillingly, Russia is fighting our battle. But let us not deceive ourselves. Communism is the foe of Americanism. It is worse than that, it is the foe of Christ Himself and the foe of everything that is decent and moral for patriotic Americans.

Hitler would be greatly pleased, I suppose, if communism grew apace in this country. It would mean a disregard for law, it would mean the dividing of the people, class against class, race against race. It would mean closing of churches. It would mean the breakdown of our American system of independent enterprise. It would mean the stoppage of free speech, of freedom of the press, of freedom of religious worship. It would mean the scrapping of our Constitution and the loss of our American liberties. Communism is the enemy of Americanism. Though we may be glad that Russia is helping the democracies, including America, by resisting Hitler, let us never feel friendly toward the wicked, godless philosophy of communism.

Every communist is an enemy of American ideals. Every communist is the enemy of our Constitution. Every communist is the enemy of Christianity. And so communism, in America at least, is the friend of Hitler, and does his bloody, hellish work. Let every American beware against the spread of wicked, godless, Bible-denying doctrines of Communism.

If communism spreads in America our strength to resist Hitler and his attack on our freedom, and on our Christianity, will be gone.

IV. The Lawless, The Criminal, and All Who Resist Proper Authority in America Are the Friends of Hitler

Hitlerism is lawlessness. Hitler is a criminal. Only a lawless age, a godless age, one without a regard for the authority of God and the authority of government and the sanctity of treaties and of human obligations could develop a Hitler. So every tendency in America toward lawlessness, toward the breaking down of established forms of government, toward the rebellion against constituted authorities, should be marked for what it is, the rise of Hitlerism. Every belittling of the Constitution, as of "a horse-and-buggy age," every slighting reference to the "nine old men" of the Supreme Court, even if it come from the President himself, is a step in the direction of the work Hitler is doing. If America is to be able to stand up in a trembling, shaken-up, disorganized world, then Americans must come back to a wholesome respect for law and authority. We must put down banditry and lawlessness. We must enforce the penalties on our statute books. We must curb, in every way possible, pork-barrel politics. We must enforce the Hatch Act.

Anybody who sees nothing wrong in what Hitler has done is at heart a criminal. All such are the enemies of American government, the enemies of Christianity. This is wicked lawlessness, this division, this strife, this breaking of law, this disrespect for authority is like Hitler, for the secret of Hitler's career is lawlessness.

If we can build a law-abiding, God-fearing, moral democracy in America then we can defeat Hitler and end this threat to all civilization and the world.

Parents ought to realize that when they raise a boy or girl without discipline, without respect for law, without obedience to authority, they are making a fit subject for the Hitler youth campaign, they are growing a fifth-columnist and a traitor to American democracy and to Christianity. Lawlessness is godlessness. Disobedience to authority is criminal. The lawless in America are the friends of Hitler.

V. Modernists, Those Who Break Faith in the Authority of the Bible, Are Friends of Hitler

Very few people have realized that socialism, all totalitarianism, including both communism and Nazism, are essentially antichristian. The German idea that "might makes right," the deliberate violation of treaties, the deliberate lying propaganda, the propagated doctrine that Aryan Germans should enslave other races and exploit them—these are the results of the rationalistic teachings of great German universities. When in Germany the schools began to teach that the Bible was full of contradictions, that it was not inspired, that Christ was not the Son of God, that men need fear no judgment and no Hell, need hope for no Heaven hereafter, Hitlerism began. The philosophy that drives Germany on in an effort at world conquest is a pagan, heathen philosophy that is the deliberate and announced enemy of Christianity. For this reason German leaders re-wrote the Bible. For this reason Christian mission work is stopped wherever Germany gains control. For this reason independent Christian leaders like Martin Noemüller are sent to concentration camps or sent to prison or killed. I say that all this is the natural and inevitable result of the philosophy of Hitlerism.

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evitable product of modernism, when it has its way, and comes to its wicked end.

There is a sinister connection between the fact that the University of Chicago has long been the very fountain-head of modernism in America, and that the same university is now taking the lead in urging that America not help to defeat Hitler. How strange that modernists have so often been pacifists. They have urged American youth to take a solemn pledge never to fight, even in defense of America. But at the same time these same modernists have often advocated and indorsed a bloody, godless regime of murderous Stalin in Russia. Modernists are often communists. In fact, communism and Nazism grow naturally out of modernism.

If the Bible is not true, then why should men do right? Why should men be true to country? Why should we have law and order, decency and patriotism, humanitarian charities and Christianity? All who break down faith in the Bible are leading America toward where Germany is today. All such are the friends of Hitler and the enemies of true Christian patriotism.

VI. All Christ-Rejectors and Sinners Invite God's Wrath and Endanger America of Conquest of Hitler

It is obvious that many of those who do Hitler's work in America are not conscious of it. When a preacher writes an article in a magazine arousing hatred for Jews doubtless he does not think that he is endangering the welfare of America, but he is. When a modernist who has thrown overboard his faith in the Bible and yet clings to the outward forms of the Christian religion and takes support and daily bread from those who believe the Bible and are misled by his deceitful phrases, the modernist may not think that he is a friend of Hitler, but he is doing Hitler's work nevertheless. Just so, there are millions in America who reject Christ and go on in sin,

and who, by their lives every day endanger America.

Hitler is, I verily believe, the scourge of an angry God. Hitler is not a Christian. Hitler does not love God and does not try to please Him. Of that I think we may be sure. But nevertheless God has often made the wrath of men to praise Him. And God has often used wicked men in bringing His chastening, His punishment, upon His own people.

God has used Germany to punish licentious, alcoholic France. God has used Germany to pay back Russia for the murder of three and a half million people under the Stalin regime. I think God has used Hitler to bring England to prayer and a real sense of the need of God. I am told that in the House of Commons there is a prayer meeting every day. I know that the King of England and Prime Minister Churchill have more than once expressed their dependence upon God Almighty to give England victory and protection. And I think that if America goes on unrepentant in her adulterous, covetous, licentious, Christ-rejecting, Bible-denying God-forgetting ways that America will feel the heel of Hitler's conquest also.

When you read the book of Judges you must be impressed that at least a half-dozen times God raised up the Midianites or the Philistines or other heathen people to punish His own people, Israel, for their sins. In the last chapter of II Chronicles we see that Nebuchadnezzar the Assyrian king, conquered Jerusalem because God had determined to punish them and brought this heathen conqueror to be His agent in the downfall of Jerusalem.

Just so we may be sure that God's wrath mounts up against the godlessness in America. What does God think about our millions of gallons of booze and beer flowing like water? What does God think about our government taking a bribe (licenses, taxes) from the business that is making drunkards and harlots and paupers and corrupting the government and damning souls? And what does God think about the nearly two hundred thousand divorces annually in America? What does God think about our empty churches, our powerless preachers, our worldly Christians? What does God think about our homes with no family altar, our homes without discipline, our homes without principle, our homes without the Bible? What does God think about our Jew-hate, and about our labor union violence?

If Hitler comes to America it will be because God allows it. And if God allows Hitler to come to America it will be because of our sin!

That means that all who go on in lives of lust, or covetousness or luke-warmness endanger America. That means that every man who rejects Christ is, whether he knows it or not, a friend of Hitler and the enemy of the welfare of our beloved country.

I call Christians and preachers everywhere to witness that the Bible has the answer to modern problems. Christianity applies to daily life. And we cannot excuse ourselves if we are interested in pious platitudes and do not help Christian people these days to be loyal to their government and their place in society as the protagonists of all that is good and true and the enemies of all that is evil. Christianity will be a joke and a hiss and a byword in the minds of the unsaved multitudes if it does not turn out Christian citizens, with a conscience on right and wrong, and men who are willing to die if need be for the protection of holy things and to see that right is done and that the world is a place fit to live in, as far as we can make it so.

Let no Christian be ashamed to say, "I am an American citizen." Let every Christian rather be proud to be a patriotic and godly citizen, respected and admired as one of firm convictions and tender heart, loving all men dearly and yet hating sin sadly and willing to suffer if need be to put sin down, and that right may triumph.

It was principally Christians who suffered and even died that in America we might have a place to worship God according to the

"God Is Love"

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you don't cry to heaven for that boy? Now, if you love that erring one, don't you think God loves those that are gone astray? There are none that he does not love. The devil has made them believe that God is their enemy. Let us contradict the lie. Let us publish the good news that "God is love." He loves, whether they believe it or not. He loves with an everlasting love. Jeremiah puts that word in: He loves with an "everlasting love." No end to it! How can we measure "everlasting"? Our government was trying to make a treaty with the Indians, and put in the word "forever." An Indian said, "I wish you would put in 'As long as water runs and grass grows.'" Forever! There is no end to God's love.

Now, What Will You Do?

You can spurn the love of God, you can despise it, you can make light of it; but I want to tell you—and I hope the Holy Ghost will burn it down into your heart—that God loves you, and loves you in spite of your meanness and your sins. You can lock the door of your heart and bar and double-bar it and keep the love of God out; or you can open the door and let the love of God in. Which will you do?

Take Him at His Word

Some one has picked me up about my theology. It is astonishing how many people would like to straighten me out in my theology! The most frequent mistake I encounter is the impression that God loves only those who love him; that he loves the good people, but not the sinner. That is the devil's lie; drive that back to where it comes from. God loves the sinner. God hates the sin, but loves the sinner. If you have a child that has the smallpox, you hate the smallpox, but you love the child, don't you? You see the distinction. Now, God hates sin worse than you ever hated smallpox; but God loves the sinner more than you ever loved your child—any one of you. If I cannot prove that from the Bible, I can't prove anything. Jesus Christ did not die for good people. He died for the lost; he died for sinners. He died for the whole world—good, bad, indifferent, all together. That is the teaching of Scripture.

Abraham and Isaac on Mt. Moriah
And now a reference to the well known story of Abraham and Isaac on Mount Moriah.

The last night has come. That night Abraham didn't sleep at all; he couldn't sleep. Many a tear he shed during that night, and many a cry went up to God for help. The next morning he takes no breakfast; there's a terrible struggle going on. Isaac has never seen his father in such trouble before. He doesn't understand. That morning they journey a little ways. Yonder is Mount Moriah. I can imagine Abraham's heart thump, thump against his side. It beats very quickly. He says to the men: "You sit here. I will go with Isaac yonder to worship." On the way up the mountain, the boy says: "Father, here is the wood and here is the fire and the knife, but where

dictates of our consciences. It was Christians, with some upright Jews and others of good principles, who have made it possible to have free schools and freedom of religion. Christianity made possible our Constitution, our Bill of Rights, the rights of employer and labor. And I say to you earnestly that if Christians do not save America from the evils of this day then America will not be saved. If Christian principle does not put down Hitler, then Hitler will not be defeated, but will go on to world conquest. Jesus said, "If the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness." Then let the bright light of Christian patriotism shine forth from every born-again soul, to show that Christianity not only makes better mothers and fathers, better employers and better laborers, but that only Christianity can make really good citizens.

Let every home have daily prayer for our President and Congress, our army and navy. Let every home honor the flag and sing patriotic songs. And may God bless America, our home sweet home!

is the victim—the offering of the lamb?" I have thought how pathetic that answer was: "God will provide himself a sacrifice." And a few hundred years later, he provided another sacrifice. You tell me it wasn't provided? I can see the evidence.

They have reached that mountain peak, and they are rolling up the stones and building an altar. They have it all; everything is ready for the victim. There is the fire to be applied; there is the knife; everything is ready but the victim. I can see Isaac looking all around to see where that lamb is to come from. I can just imagine the old, white-haired patriarch saying: "Sit down here; I want to talk with you a little."

I can see the father sitting down on the mountain. Perhaps no father in the world loved his boy as Abraham loved Isaac. And then, perhaps, he told him his history: how he was called out of the land of the Chaldeans and how he had been called into this land; and how the message came to him from heaven, telling him God would make his seed like the stars of heaven, and that through him all the nations of the earth should be blessed, and through his seed should come kings and rulers of the earth, and how great and mighty his name should be in the earth; and perhaps he told him how, one day, as he was under the oak on the plains of Mamre, two messengers came from heaven to bring him the good news that he was to have a son, and what a day it was to him, and with what joy the promise thrilled his heart. And he says:

"The day that son came into my home was the happiest day of my life. I can't tell you what joy it gave me; how it thrilled my soul, and what a comfort you have been to me ever since you were born. And, do you know, the last night I was at home God came to me and told me to bring you here and offer you up as a sacrifice? Now, my son, I don't understand what it means; but I want to tell you it would be much harder for me to offer you than to be offered up myself. I would rather have you bind me and put me on this altar and slay me than to put you there."

But I must obey God. It would break my heart to have you refuse to let me bind you and put you up on this altar. And now let us get down and pray for strength."

Our Sins Covered by the Cross

I see the father and son praying. The old man weeps. His feelings overcome him. And I can imagine Isaac praying that he may have strength for that hour. And Abraham binds him hand and foot and lays him upon that altar, and he bends over him to give him the last kiss. Everything is ready now for the knife. He raises that hand, and suddenly there falls from heaven the voice: "Abraham, Abraham, spare thy son!"

And hundreds of years after, when Jew and Gentile took Christ and nailed him to that cross, I haven't any doubt that the apostles thought that voices would come from heaven again, and God would say: "This is the Son of my bosom; this is my only Son; spare him." But God didn't break the silence. And the apostle says: "God freely gave him up for us all."

Tell me that God didn't love this world when he gave the Son! As a matter of fact, he gave him freely. We are told that Abraham saw Christ's day, and was glad. God lifted the curtain of time and let him look, and he saw God's Son going to Calvary with his cross, bearing away the sins and the sicknesses of the world.

And so I would like to take you today to the cross and look into that face, and look at those hands pierced for you, and those pierced feet. Have you seen that Roman soldier coming up and driving his spear into the side of the Son of God, and the blood and water coming out and covering the spear? I think the most infernal act of all was the driving of that spear to the very heart of Jesus. That was the darkest deed. Thank God that his blood will atone for every sin. There is no sin so black but that it may be covered by the Cross.

Will you behold Calvary and doubt for a moment that God loves this world? Doubt your existence as quick as that.

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Prayer Answered

BY LOLA MAE BRADSHAW

Dr. Rice has a book in which he sometimes records prayers, with the date. Then when the answer comes, that is written in the space left for the purpose, with the date of the answer. While turning through this book a few weeks ago, Dr. Rice came across this statement. It is dated December 11, 1937:

"Asked for new book on soul winning to be printed by Moody Colportage. Claimed by

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And he praised the Lord as he read it, for the book was then in the hands of the publishers, the Moody Colportage.

Dr. Rice had had it on his heart for a long time to get ready a book of messages on soul winning, teaching people how to win souls, that God expects Christians to win souls, and that God will give us power for soul winning, etc. On this day, December 11, 1937, he called together those of us who were working in the office, and we had a prayer that the Lord would help him prepare the messages and that The Bible Institute Colportage Association would print it in their series of 20c books.

We praise the Lord that this prayer has been answered, and the book, **THE SOUL-WINNER'S FIRE**, is now being printed. A card from Mr. Norton of The Bible Institute Colportage Association says that the book should be ready Tuesday, August 26th. So by the time you get this paper, the books should be on our shelves. They sell for only 20c, or 6 for \$1.00. Be sure to get one for yourself, get them for Bible classes, for personal workers groups. See that your pastor has one, and get them for the Sunday School teachers in your church. And may God set you on fire for soul winning as you read **THE SOUL-WINNER'S FIRE**!

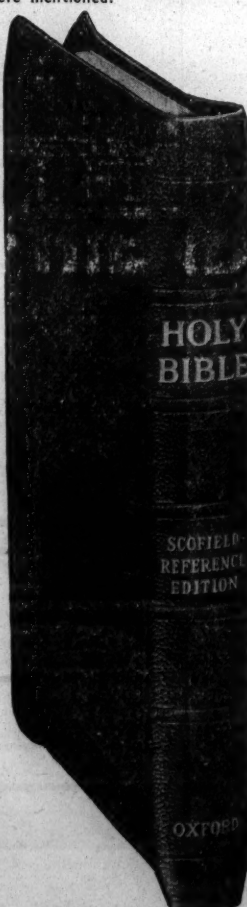
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Inspiration of the Scriptures

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accuracies, and in the latest of the Bible sciences — archaeology. Any one of these lines of proof constitutes a powerful argument for the Word of God. When taken as a whole, they are overwhelming and unanswerable. But the crowning proof of inspiration is not among these already mentioned.

The Crowning Proof of Inspiration

The crowning proof of Bible inspiration is the testimony of Jesus Christ. There is one voice which is above all and His voice is final in all things. Therefore, when I find what Christ thought about the Scriptures, that is what I must think about the Word of God. What then did Christ think about the Scriptures? The careful reader of the Bible will note in the Gospels our Lord's constant reference to the Scriptures and these references seem to cover the whole period of history recorded in the Old Testament.

Christ's Authority for the Old Testament

In our Lord's reference to Scripture there are so many it is difficult to choose. When the time arrives for Him to begin His public ministry, He finds in Isaiah 61 the prophecy which announced it, and declares, "Today hath this Scripture been fulfilled" (Luke 4:21).

When the cities where He preaches refuse to hear the message, He reminds them of the awful fate of Sodom and Gomorrah (Matthew 10:15).

Speaking to Nicodemus about the kingdom of God, He declares that, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up" (John 3:14).

If the Pharisees demand a sign, He points to the much ridiculed experience of Jonah, and declares nothing further shall be given (Matthew 12:38-40).

When the disciples come asking about His second coming and the end of the age, He answers with a prophecy from Joel, another from Daniel, an illustration from Genesis, and concludes by saying, "Remember Lot's wife" (Matthew 24 and Luke 17:22-32).

When the Sadducees come with their astonishing argument against the resurrection, He confutes them by finding continuity of life after death in the present tense of a verb understood in the book of Exodus. And He points to the source of their blunder as "not knowing the Scriptures" (Matthew 22:29).

When the Jews are about to stone Him for blasphemy because He called Himself the Son of God, He quotes in self-defense an obscure passage from Psalms, and reminds them of what they all admitted that, "the Scripture cannot be broken" (John 10:31-35).

When Peter, the impulsive disciple draws a sword to defend Him, He sternly rebukes Peter with a reminder that all things written in the "Scriptures" must be fulfilled (Matthew 26:54).

After His resurrection He finds two disciples on their way to Emmaus. He could have turned their sorrow into joy by just saying, "IT IS I." But, instead, He begins at Moses and all the prophets to show them the things written concerning Himself. Their faith must rest upon the written Word of God (Luke 24:25-27).

While hanging on the cross for the sins of the world, our Lord had seen Scripture after Scripture fulfilled. The sheep had been scattered and He was left alone. His hands and feet were pierced. His garments were parted. Lots were cast for His vesture. The Apostle John, as an eye-witness, writes, "Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scriptures might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst!" (John 19:28-37; Psalm 69; Psalm 22). This is the doctrine of inspiration we learn at the Cross. These modern theories of inspiration which dishonor the Bible were not formulated in the shadow of the Cross.

In fact, the references of Christ

indorse and cover the whole period of history recorded in the Old Testament. He speaks of man's creation, the institution of marriage, the death of Abel, the days of Noah, the flood, the destruction of Sodom, the history of Abraham, the appearing of Jehovah in the burning bush, the manna from heaven, the lifting up of the brazen serpent, the life of David, the glory of Solomon, the ministry of Elijah, the sign of Jonah, and the martyrdom of Zechariah. Besides these references, we find Him continually quoting from the Scriptures. Over and over from His lips we hear the formula, "IT IS WRITTEN"! Yet in all the record we have of His words, there is not the slightest intimation that the Scriptures may be untrustworthy at any point. In fact, He says, "If it were not so, I would have told you" (John 14:2).

Christ's Authority for the New Testament

Not a word of the New Testament Scriptures was written while our Lord was upon earth. Yet we must admit that if Jesus Christ be the eternal Son of God, and the final authority for all truth, He is competent as a witness to the inspiration of Scripture even before it is written. To deny this is to deny His divine Sonship and Deity.

When Christ was upon earth He said plainly that He would leave

the revelation of truth unfinished and it would be completed after His departure. "I have many things to say unto you but you cannot bear them now. Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth" (John 16:12-13). Christ chose certain persons to receive such additional revelations and to be His witnesses, preachers and teachers after His departure. The Holy Spirit would "Bring to their remembrance," declare unto them "things to come" and He would guide them into "all the truth" (John 15:27; Acts 1:8; Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 9:15-17). He also gave their words precisely the same authority as His own knowing beforehand what they would write (Luke 10:16), "heareth you, heareth Me." John 17:20, "through their word." Matt. 10:14-15, "your words." John 13:20, "He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth Me; and he that receiveth Me receiveth Him that sent Me." Christ beforehand outlined the fact that New Testament revelation would be historical, doctrinal, prophetic and final.

Verbal Inspiration of the Bible

The best definition of the inspiration of the Bible is the words of Christ in Matthew 5:18, "One jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled," and in II Timothy 3:16, "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God." The revised version changes

this to read, "every Scripture inspired of God." Both translations are somewhat misleading. To say the "Scripture is inspired of God" gives the impression that Scripture is something already existing, into which God breathed. Paul did not say this. He said, "All Scripture is *theopneustos-Godbreathed!*" Breathed out, not in! That is to say that Scripture was the product of the creative breath of God.

The "breath of God" in the Bible is a symbol of His almighty creative Word. We are told that the heavens were made "by the breath of His mouth." He spake and it was done. We are told into the first man, "God breathed the breath of life . . . and man became a living soul." To say, therefore, the Scripture is God-breathed is to place the Scripture where it belongs, in the same category as the universe and the spirit of man. All three are "God-breathed," the direct product of Almighty God. Therefore we must believe in **VERBAL INSPIRATION**. The Bible is a book of words and every one must be "God-breathed." Take the words away and you have nothing left but paper. Some one said we have more than that, we have the thoughts of the Bible left, and they are inspired.

To Jesus Christ the Scriptures were the infallible and eternal Word of God, of which not one statement nor word can possibly

be broken, the final court beyond which there is no appeal. Question the God-breathed Word of God you must question the character and authority of Jesus Christ, the Son of God! "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in times past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son." "Therefore, we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard" (Hebrews 1:1, 2; 2:1).

My Bible and I

We've traveled together, my Bible and I,
Through all kinds of weather with smiles and with sigh,
In sorrow or sunshine, in tempest or calm,
Thy friendship unchanging, my Lamp and my Psalm.
So now, who shall part us, my Bible and I?
Shall ism or schism, or new lights who try?
Shall shadow for substance or stone for good bread
Supplant its sound wisdom, give folly instead?
Ah, no! my dear Bible, Revealer of Light,
Thou Sword of the Spirit, put error to flight,
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